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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

(G.O. Ms. No. 18, Puducherry, dated 26th November 2021)

ORDER

In pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment *vide* Hon'ble Supreme Court Order, dated 30-06-2021 in W.P.(C) No. 554/2021 and W.P.(C) No. 539/2021, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi issued simplified guidelines for issuance of Death Certificate/Official document stating the exact cause of death to the family members of the deceased who died due to COVID-19 *vide* O.M. No. F.No. C-18018/11/2021-DM Cell, dated 03-09-2021 of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Disaster Management Cell), Government of India, New Delhi. Based on the said Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment, the National Disaster Management Authority issued guidelines for *ex gratia* to next of the kin of deceased by COVID-19 under section 12(iii) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 *vide* Letter No. 16/11/2021-RR, dated 11-09-2021 of the National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi. In pursuance of the aforesaid direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the guidelines issued by NDMA, the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi *vide* the Letter No. 33-04/2020-NDM-I, dated 25-09-2021

of MHA, Disaster Management Division, New Delhi, has revised the Item-1 of MHA Letter No. 32/7/2014-NDM-I, dated 8th April, 2015 in respect of the "Gratuitous Relief" by adding a new entry as 1(f) after 1(e) in the 'revised list of items and norms of assistance' under State Disaster Response Fund as below:

Sl. No.	Items	Norms
(1)	(2)	(3)
1(f)	<i>Ex gratia</i> payment to next of kin of deceased due to COVID-19.	<p>₹ 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only) per deceased person including those involved in relief operations or associated in preparedness activities, subject to the cause of death being certified as COVID-19, as per guidelines jointly issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Indian Council of Medical Research on 3rd September, 2021.</p> <p>- Expenditure on this item will be incurred from SDRF only, in strict compliance with the aforesaid NDMA guidelines, dated 11th September, 2021.</p> <p>- This <i>ex gratia</i> assistance will be applicable from the date of first COVID-19 case reported in the country and will continue till de-notification of COVID-19 as a disaster or till further orders, whichever is earlier.</p>

The MHA's Letter No. 32/7/2014-NDM-I, dated 8th April, 2015 stands modified to the above extent.

The above amendment is republished for information of the general public

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Secretary to Government (Revenue/R&R).